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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

## 5 METHOD OF APPLYING AN UPDATE TO A CONTAINED COLLECTION OF PROGRAM AND DATA FILES BASED UPON VERSIONS

A method, system, and apparatus for updating code in a software program is provided. In a preferred embodiment, a patch is provided to a plurality of versions of a program, wherein the program is updated by an installation program and a plurality of versions of the installer program exist. Next, it is determined whether the version of the installer program is incorrect. If it is, the installer program is updated from files in the patch. The patch is then installed into the program using the updated installer program.